



United States
of America

Congressional Record

PROCEEDINGS AND DEBATES OF THE 111th CONGRESS, SECOND SESSION

Vol. 156

WASHINGTON, WEDNESDAY, JULY 28, 2010

No. 112

House of Representatives

The House met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. PASTOR of Arizona).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,
July 28, 2010.

I hereby appoint the Honorable ED PASTOR to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NANCY PELOSI,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

Pastor Shawn Black, Calvary Chapel, Costa Mesa, California, offered the following prayer:

Dear Lord God in heaven, we thank You for Your faithfulness, Your hand in creating this great Nation. We acknowledge that all wisdom, guidance, and governance truly comes from You.

Lord, we acknowledge that You tear down and You alone build up. Thank You for Your hand in the affairs and the hearts of those who govern, for You steer the hearts of kings and of nations. For to You alone belong mercy, forgiveness, and grace. Help us to restore what is neglected, submitting with solitude and remaining resolute with this reflection in our lives.

May You forgive us our trespasses and renew in us a steadfast spirit, immovable, dependent upon Your truth and grace.

May You today encourage, rebuild our lives, our Nation, with the steadfast dedication in accomplishing Your will, devoted to none other than in God we trust.

United in will, submitted in spirit, we thank You, and we praise Your holy name. And in Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentlewoman from Maine (Ms. PINGREE) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. PINGREE of Maine led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Ms. Curtis, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate has passed without amendment bills of the House of the following titles:

H.R. 4380. An act to amend the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States to modify temporarily certain rates of duty, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5849. An act to provide for an additional temporary extension of programs under the Small Business Act and the Small Business Investment Act of 1958, and for other purposes.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will entertain up to 15 requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

TOXIC CHEMICALS SAFETY ACT

(Ms. PINGREE of Maine asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. PINGREE of Maine. Mr. Speaker, today I want to commend Chairmen WAXMAN and RUSH for introducing H.R. 5820, the Toxic Chemical Safety Act, a bill that will for the first time require the chemical industry to prove that the chemicals in our products are safe.

In America, we have too long failed to regulate chemicals and consumer products—even those that we know have links to cancer, learning disabilities, reproductive disorders, and other serious health problems.

Under the old Toxic Substance Control Act, 62,000 chemicals were grandfathered in. Only six chemicals have been banned since its passage. Not even asbestos—a widely known carcinogen—could be taken off the market.

Maine has always been the leader in toxic chemical regulation, passing new laws phasing out mercury, lead, and flame-retardant chemicals in everyday products. In 2008, our legislature passed the groundbreaking Kid-Safe Products Act that establishes a new statewide system to identify and phase out the most toxic chemicals that endanger our children.

It is time for the Nation to follow Maine's lead. It has never been more important for Congress to pass the strongest and most effective toxic chemical bill possible.

EXTEND TAX CUTS FOR THE MIDDLE CLASS

(Mr. WILSON of South Carolina asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, it's time to give hardworking Americans incentives to invest in order to create jobs and grow the economy. We must also protect middle class Americans from significant tax hikes that are headed their way. Contrary to liberal claims, these are not tax hikes only on the wealthy.

□ This symbol represents the time of day during the House proceedings, e.g., □ 1407 is 2:07 p.m.

Matter set in this typeface indicates words inserted or appended, rather than spoken, by a Member of the House on the floor.



Printed on recycled paper.

H6165